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Rev. E H. Hooker.....Lucama, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS.

LaGrange, Lenoir County, N. C., October 10, 1923.

The Bear Creek Missionary Baptist Association met in its fifty-first annual session with the Rouse Chapel Baptist Church, Wednesday morning at 9:40 a. m. Devotional exercises were conducted by the Rev. R. H. Harper. Rev. Harper opened by lining hymn No 503. He read as Scripture lesson the 4th chapter of John. He also asked God's blessings in prayer. Second hymn No. 569. At this point the Rev. Harper arose and made some very timely remarks in regards to this being the 51st annual session of the Association, and closed by singing, "Brethren, where are you building".

The Moderator arose and addressed the audience very gracefully also mentioned this being the 51st annual session of the old Bear Creek Association. Says he, I connected with this Association years ago. Since that time I have prayed for success. God must be in the work. Brethren, there are many things going on. Are you all asleep? Wake up, brethren!

Many things are brought to our minds through the Moderator's Address.

The welcome address was called for and the pastor Rev. Carroll came before the Association and asked that the welcome address be deferred until tonight. The address was deferred.

Rev. Carroll then asked the Moderator and brethren for a few minutes to have a Covenant meeting. Says he, I want to hear from the brethren. I have been connected with this Association forty-six years and my Covenant is love to the brethren and the bounds. There were many brethren who spoke along the same line.

The Moderator then arose and announced the house ready for business.

The Moderator tells the reason why we have not any programs and offers the following program as a guide: Meet at 9:00 a. m ; adjourn at 12:30 p. m.; Meet at 1:30 p. m.; adjourn at 4:00 p. m.; Meet at 7:30 p. m.; adjourn at pleasure.

A motion prevailed to receive and adopt the same.

The Rev J. D. MacRae and Rev. Taylor, D.D., and Rev. E. J. Flanagan were introduced to the Association. The Association was favored with many rich thoughts by the visiting brethren.

The Association tendered a vote of thanks to the speakers.

The roll was now in order.

CHURCHES AND DELEGATES.

Banks Chapel—Bro. T. I. Patterson, 25cts.
Liberty Grove—Bro. A. W Bizzell, Bro. Leslie Gray, 25 cts. each.
First Baptist, Kinston—
Augusta Chapel—J. G. Grantham, O. R. Shepherd, 25 cts. each.
Patterson Chapel—Bro. James Baker, Bro. W. M Vause, 25 cts. each.
Barnes Chapel—Bro. C. C. Williams 25cts.
Holly Green—Bro. Joseph Loftin 25 cents.
First Baptist, Lucama—Bro. C. L Battle, Bro. Willie Newton, 25cts each.
Holly Hill—Bro. Johnny Dawson, 25cts.
St. James, Kinston—
Tabernacle Baptist, Wilson—Bro. F. F. Battle, 25cts.
Atkinson Chapel—Bro. H C. Carroll 25cts.
St. Delights—Bro. W. H. Foreman 25cts.
Rouse Chapel—Bro. John Speights 25cts.
Davis Chapel—Bro. Major Bizzell 25cts.
Mount Pleasant—Bro B. W. Smith, Bro. L. S. Swinson 25cts. each.
First Baptist, Eureka—Bro. Richard Fort 25cts.
Best Grove—Bro. B. B. Best, Bro. J. H. Coor, 25cts each.
Johnson Chapel—Bro. Thomas Broady 25cts.
Mount Calvary, Goldsboro—Bro Daniel Hobbs, 25cts.
Hooks Grove—Bro. A. B. Jones, 25cts.

St. Stephens—Bro. Reddick Thompson, 25cts.
Ebenezer—Bro. F. B. Bell 25cts.
Little Creek—
First Baptist, Dover—Rev C. Branch 25cts.
Piney Grove—
Shady Grove—Bro. Thomas Wooten 25cts.
Round Tree Chapel—Bro. J. F. Barnes 25cts.
Living Hope—Bro. A. G. Batts 25cts.
Marys Grove—Bro. Thomas Coley, Bro J. H. Battle, 25cts each.
Speights Chapel—Sister Fannie Lawson 25cts.
St. James, Goldsboro—
Mount Zion, Kinston—
Winns Chapel—Bro. R. F. Wilson 25cts.
Emmanuel Baptist, High Point—Rev. G. W. Buckerham 25cts.
Mount Sinai—Rev E. T. Jones 25cts.
Barnes Chapel, Wilson County—Represented by the pastor Rev. W. S. Barnes.

ENROLLMENT OF CHURCHES AND DEACONS.

Rouse Chapel—N. A. Mosley, John Edmondson, John Best, John Speights, Ambert Hood $1 each.
Best Grove—J. H. Coor, B B. Best, E. E. Croom, E C. Foye, H. D. Davies, Johnnie Best, Junius Green $1 each.
Shady Grove—Ned Wooten, Thomas Wooten, Fred Isler, Jessie Coor, Essie Isler, Donas Loftin $1 each.
Round Tree Chapel—W. M. Pierce, J. F. Barnes, John Reid $1 each.
First Baptist, Lucama—Willie Knight, C. L Battle, Willie Newborns $1 each.
Banks Chapel—A. T. Kennedy, T. I. Patterson, Bruce Patterson, W. E. Kennedy, C. H. Bryant, James Jones $1 each
Barnes Chapel—C. C. Williams, S. W. Williams, F. T. Truitt, A. M Howell $1 each.
Tabernacle Baptist, Wilson—Lee DeVane due, W. M Steptoe, Lewis Royster, due.
St. James, Goldsboro—
Winns Chapel—C. V. Brock, R. F. Wilson, Jorden Wright, Eugene Slocumb, Solomon Elliott, $1 each.
St. Delight—W. H. Foreman, Wyatt Williams, G Beaman, J. F. Evans, Elias Speights $1 each.
Mount Calvary—Daniel Hobbs, Edward Thompson, Willie Bryant, Willey Phaton, Fred Everett, George Lane, $1 each.
First Baptist, Eureka—G. J. Johnson $1.
Johnson Chapel—Thomas Broady, Robert Lucas, Charley Hunter $1 each.
Patterson Chapel—F. R. Nunn, W M. Vause, Jacob Baker, Jerry Swinson, John Baker, Will Baker $1 each.
Hooks Grove—A. B. Jones, Matthew Fields, J. H. Aycock, $1 each.
St. Stephens—C. Gills, Samuel Kirby, M. Jones, W H. Atkinson all due, Reddick Thompson paid $1.
Living Hope—A. G. Batts, P. A. Applewhite, J. H. Batts, A. R Sanders $1 each.
Marys Grove—T. C. Coley, J. H Batts, G. Carter $1 each.
Ebenezer—I. S. Wooten, A. L. Joyner, F. B. Bell, Green Wooten, Aaron Shaw $1 each.
Little Creek—
First Baptist, Dover—S. L. Oates, D. J. Joyner, $1 each.
Augusta Chapel—. G. Grantham, O. R. Shepard, M. J. Ford $1 each.
Mount Pleasant—L. S. Swinson, B. W. Smith, J. B. Black due, L. V. Thompson, H. B. Ford, S. M. Waters, W. M. Jones $1 each.

Davies Chapel—Major Bizzell $1, Senas Parks due, S. Cobb due.
Speights Chapel—M. J Lewis, N. J. Speights, N. Speights $1 each.
Liberty Grove—Frank Bizzell, A. W. Bizzell $1 each.
Mount Sinai—J. W. Wells $1.
Emmanuel Baptist, High Point—S. M. Gilmer, F. H. Hayes, F. J. Allenson, J. W. Reid, M. Mitchell $1 each.
Barnes Chapel, Wilson County—Deacons not given.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

	Paid		Paid
Rev. R H. Harper..Honorary		Rev. G. E. Oliver ..due $2.50.	$ 2.50
Rev. C. B. Waters..Honorary		Rev. A. A. Smith.....	5.00
Rev. E. M. Croom....Deceased		Rev R. P. Lawson.....	5.00
Rev. L. H. Harris.....$.....		Rev. T. T. Williams.....	5.00
Rev. R C. Carroll.....	5.00	Rev. C. Branch.....due $2.50	5.00
Rev. P. B. Barnes.....	5.00	Rev. L. B. Bizzell....due $5.00	5.00
Due $4.00 for 1922.		Rev W. M. Martin.....	5.00
Rev. C. H. Andrews.....	1.00	Rev. F. T. Wilson....due $5.00	
Due $4 00.		Rev. C. D. Dew.....due $5.00	
Rev. C. C. Crawford.....	5.00	Rev. A. L E. Weeks.....	5.00
Rev. A. R. Bryant.....	5.00	Rev. A. J. Carlton.....	5.00
Rev. H. B. Joyner.....	5.00	Rev. H. E. Edwards..Due $5.00	
Rev. E. T Jones.....	5.00	Rev. J. H. Artis.....	5.00
Rev. J. H. Britt.....	5.00	Rev. J. W. Watson.....	5.00
Also pays $5.00 back dues.		Rev. G. W. Buckerham.....	5.00
Rev. L. H. Powell....due $5.00		Rev. F. F. Battle.....	5.00
Rev R. Crockett.....Due $5.00		Rev Grant Moye.....	5.00
Rev. E. H. Hooker.....	5.00	Rev. S. L. Locklear.....	5.00

LICENTIATE ROLL.

	Paid		Paid
Bro. General Johnson.....$	2.50	Bro. Walter McIntire,due $2 50	
Bro. George W. Ellis..due $2.50		Bro. R. C. Jordan..due $2.50	
Bro. Ed. Armstrong..due $2.50		Bro. A. R. Reid.....due $2.50	
Bro. G. F. B. Ellis....Due 50c.		Bro. H. B. Bizzell....due $2.50	
Bro. J. B. Brown.....	2.50	Bro. A. L. Faison....due $2.50	
Bro. Henry Ballott.....	2.50	Bro. D. A. Williams.....	2.50

Amount collected from table.. 73.70

Business was suspended to hear the Introductory sermon to be preached by Rev. A. J. Carlton and Rev. H. B. Joyner. Rev. Joyner lined hymn No. 715, and also read as Scripture lesson the 60th chapter of Isaiah. Rev. Taylor, D.D., bowed and addressed the Throne of Grace in prayer. Second hymn No. 522. The Moderator introduced the speaker of the hour, Rev. Carlton who arose with many interesting thoughts then read for a text the 53rd chapter of Isaiah 1st verse. First thoughts, says he, I am about 76 years of age. Rev. Carlton tells many interesting processes he has been through during his early life. After which he confined himself to the text from which he preached a short, powerful introductory sermon. Rev. H. B. Joyner sang a song. The Moderator called Rev. A. R. Bryant and D. F. Battle to lift a collection and the sum of $5.03 was taken up. Rev. H. B. Joyner arose and sang, "Together Let us Sweetly Live."
Benediction by Rev. A. J. Carlton.
Total amount collected during the forenoon session $83.82.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 1:45 p. m., the Association re-assembled. Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. H. B. Joyner. Rev. Joyner sang as opening hymn No. 674. Scripture lesson from the 5th chapter of John. Rev. E. J. Flanagan asked God's blessings in prayer. Second hymn No. 640. The Moderator addressed the body in short and then announced the house ready for business. First business was the reading of the forenoon minutes which were received and adopted.

By motion the roll was called and $52.25 was collected from the table.

The Rev. G. W. Buckerham recommends the Rev. S. L. Locklear to the Association and pays for him $5.00. Bro. Locklear with his money was accepted.

A motion now prevailed to place Rev. L. H. Harris on the Honorary List.

A motion now prevailed that Rev. A. J. Carlton be given all back dues he owes the Association as he is well stricken with age. Deacon J. E. Edmondson now spoke a few words which were heart felt by the audience. Business was suspended and a collection was lifted for Deacon Edmondson which amounted to $7.65.

The Moderator arose and mentioned the presence of Rev. J. D. McRae. After hearing many words ffom Rev. McRae along the lines of his work on the Field as a Missionary and along the Educational lines and his work in the State Convention, a collection for Missions was raised for Rev. McRae which amounted to $4.00.

We adjourned to meet tonight. Benediction by Rev. R. C. Carroll.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SESSION.

At 6:45 p. m., the body re-assembled. The Rev. R. C. Carroll, Rev. H. B. Joyner, Deacon L. S. Swinson leads out in praise services. The Moderator rose and made a short talk and then called for the welcome which was to be given by the pastor Rev. R. C. Carroll. The Rev. Carroll came before the body and in words which were timely and well chosen most heartily welcomed the delegation, first to the Church, the homes, and to all that would make our stay pleasant. Rev. A. L. E. Weeks was called to respond who in short highly accepted the welcome.

The hour having arrived to hear the Doctrinal sermon the Rev. G. W. Buckerham, assisted by Rev. P. B. Barnes, filled the rostrum, while Rev. Carroll sang "Yes we'll crown Him." The Rev. Barnes lined hymn No. 522. He also read 17 verses of the 8th chapter of Matt. Rev. J. E. C. Cox bowed in a soul-stirring prayer. Second hymn "Shall we meet beyond the River?" The Moderator at this hour came before the audience and mentioned many things, also telling how the detectives were or had been working around and in Kinston. And afterwards called Deacon B. W. Smith and Rev. E. J. Flanagan to lift a collection which amounted to $16.15.

The Moderator at this point arose and mentioned the hour having arrived to have the Doctrinal sermon to be preached by Rev. G. W. Buckerham. The Rev. Buckerham came before the audience and after a train of selected thoughts he selected for a text 2nd Timothy and 3rd verse. Rev. Buckerham now sang, "I have a Savior and he is mine." First thought I am a Missionary Baptist because I am following Jesus Christ. My subject is, Christ the Foundation and Builder. 60 years after Christ had been gone Peter accepted him and preached Christ as the true Foundation. There are many religions in the world today but Jesus is the only true and living way. Christ is the true Vine and we are the branches and through Him we receive life and light. I am glad I am on the Solid Rock, Christ Jesus. The plan is fixed; I am going to preach until God calls me from labor to reward. We were made to feel glad while Rev. Buckerham fed us from God's word. The speaker then sang, "When the saints go marching in." The Rev. Stephen Allen asked God's blessings in prayer. The Ebenezer

choir rendered some sweet anthems while Rev. Weeks lifted a collection for Rev. Buckerham. Amount collected was $5.10.

Business was now suspended and the Committee on Arrangements assigned homes, after which we adjourned.

Total taken up from the table today and tonight in full $148.65.

THURSDAY MORNING.

At 9:30 a. m. the Association met. Devotional exercises were conducted by Deacon L. S. Swinson and Rev. R. P. Lawson. Bro. Swinson lined as opening hymn No. 397. Rev. Lawson read the 1st Psalm as Scripture lesson. Deacon W. H. Foreman bowed in prayer. Second hymn No. 480. The Moderator addressed the body in a graceful manner and then announced the house ready for business.

Rev. N. F. Roberts, D.D., and Rev. C. C. Summerville were introduced to the Association. Rev. Roberts in a wellchosen and graceful manner briefly outlined his work with Shaw University and also many interesting features. Rev. Summerville came before the audience and made mention of the impression that was made on him in our last Association at Mount Olive, which made him anxious to meet this present session. Many interesting thoughts were brought to our minds by Rev. Summerville.

The house was called to business. First in order was the calling of the roll and the sum of $69.25 was collected from the table.

The afternoon and night minutes were called for. As the Secretary was late the minutes were read, received and adopted.

By a motion business was suspended to hear from Rev. N. F. Roberts, D.D., of Shaw University. First says he, I want to correct the mistake about the running of Shaw by White people. There are five colored men on the board. He tells how he toiled to keep in line with the methods of today. He encourages education. Says he, we have on a Five Thousand Dollar Drive. I thank you for any amount that is donated. You will be credited for same. A collection was raised amounting to $21.05.

A motion prevailed for the Association or Finance Committee to make the amount $25.00.

Brother Amos Miller came before the audience and in his own way gave a strong talk.

Rev. Grant Moye was introduced to the Association who came forward and paid his joining fee of $5.00.

After appoining some committees the hour having arrived we adjourned. Benediction by Rev. Harper.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

At 1:50 p. m. the body reassembled. Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. A. J. Carlton and Rev. C. Branch. Rev. Branch lined as opening hymn No. 522. Rev. Carlton then read as Scripture lesson 18 verses of 107th Psalm. Rev. N. F. Roberts offered prayer. Second hymn No. 407. The Moderator addressed the body in short and then announced the house ready for business.

First order of business was the reading of the afternoon and night minutes which were received and adopted.

At this point Rev. C. C. Somerville was slated to preach tonight as Rev. L. H. Powell and Rev. C. H. Andrews were both absent.

The roll was now in order and the sum of $24.75 was collected from the table. Busines swas suspended to hear Dr. C. H. Bynum, M.D. The speaker brought many facts to our hearing; he also invited the audience to Kinston to hear Judge Harrison October 21, 1923. He called our attention to the Colored Bank of Kinston.

Afterwards the Committee were called to their work.

Rev. Summerville was asked to come before the Association and in his

own way told many interesting facts in his argument. First thought, says he, I want to mention the ant, the three special kinds, the red, white, and black ant. Everybody enjoyed what Dr. Summerville said. Last, said he, The Vigil is a paper run entirely by the Colored man. It is my paper printed by my own press. See me, friends, out on the ground.

The Committee on Nomination made their report. See report. The same was received and adopted by a motion.

Sister Patsey Hooker was called who reported that she had solicited $1.65 for the MacDaniel School.

The Committee on Time and Place made their report which was received and adopted by a motion. See reports.

The hour having arrived we adjourned. Benediction by Rev. A. R. Bryant.

THURSDAY NIGHT SESSION.

At 6:40 p. m. the body re-assembled.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. A. R. Bryant and Rev. J. W. Watson. Rev. Bryant lined as opening hymn No. 531. Rev. Watson then read 15 verses of the 3rd chapter of St. John. Bro. Amos Miller led in prayer. Second hymn No. 487. The Moderator rose and addressed the body. Says he, the hour has not arrived to have the sermon. We will have some reports. The Rev. R. C. Carroll now made the report of the Executive Board which was received and adopted with proper corrections. See report. report.

The Committee on Constitution made its report which was received and adopted. See report.

The Moderator called Rev. G. W. Buckerham and Deacon Ned Wooten to lift a collection which amounted to $20.10.

Rev. H. B. Joyner sang, "Must Jesus bear the Cross alone?" The Moderator at this point rose and highly commended the quietness of this place and people and also their good behavior. And also mentioned on tomorrow in the afternoon that the Eulogy of the deceased members of the Association would take place.

The hour having arrived for the sermon the Moderator mentioned the speaker. He styles him as the great Cicero of the East in the person of Rev. C. C. Summerville, D.D., who would preach the Doctrinal sermon. Rev. Summerville asked Rev. A. L. E. Weeks to sing a verse or so. Rev. Weeks beautifully sang "I want to see Jesus, don't you?" Rev. Summerville came before the Association with many rich thoughts being fully prepared and able to handle his subject he selected from the 1st chapter of Acts and 11th verse. Subject: Paul's Girdle. First thought the main thing in Paul's life was to fill out that was his chief object. Every man and woman has her girdle. Its only a signal of what awaits us in the future. Paul said I am not only willing to be bound but to die for Jesus. Brethren we must stand up though we are opposed, yet and go on. I feel like going on until God calls me from labor. Young men, go on in the name of Jesus for Jesus is who I want to see. Brethren, have the Pauline spirit in you and endure to the end and Jesus said the same shall be saved. We were richly fed from God's Word by the speaker.

Rev. T. T Williams now sang a song. Rev. A. L. E. Weeks and Rev. R. C. Carroll were called to lift a collection for Rev. Summerville which amounted to $6.00 while the LaGrange choir rendered some sweet music.

After which a motion prevailed that the Association donate to Rev. Summerville $2.00 making the donation in full $8.00.

Business was suspended or turned over in the hands of the Committee on Arrangements.

After homes were assigned we adjourned. Dismission by Rev R. C. Carroll. Total amount collected from the table today and night $140.15.

THIRD DAY MORNING SESSION.

At 9:25 a. m. the Association met.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. W. S. Barnes and Rev. J. W. Watson. Rev. Barnes lined as opening hymn No. 242. Rev. Watson then read as Scripture lesson the 33rd chapter of Ezekiel 14th verse. Rev. W. S. Barnes offered prayer. Second hymn No. 623.

The Moderator addressed the Association in short and then announced the house ready for business.

First business was the reading of the minutes of Thursday afternoon and night sessions which were read, received and adopted.

Next business was calling the rolls and the sum of $29.75 was collected from the table.

The Moderator at this point called for the reports of the various delegates and committees. The delegate from the Western Union made his report which was received and adopted. See report.

The delegate from the Eastern Union made his report. The report was received and adopted. See report.

The Committee on New Churches made its report which was received and adopted. See report.

The committees were called to their work. While the committees were out at work Rev. G. W. Buckerham favored the audience with some words of his success in the Western part of the State.

The delegate from the Woman's Home Mission Convention makes her report. The same was received and adopted. See report.

The hour having arrived to have the Temperance sermon business was suspended.

Rev. L. W. Bizzell sang, "Down at the Cross," while Rev. E. H. Hooker and Rev. J. W. Watson filled the rostrum. Rev. Hooker sang, "In all my Lord's approved way." The Scripture lesson was omitted.

Rev. Watson who was to preach the Temperance sermon came before the audience and selected a text from the 11th chapter of Judges 35th verse. Words: I have opened my mouth and can't turn back. Subject: Be true to your word. First thoughts there is no earthly friend dearer than mother, a true mother, none we can reach save Jesus. By chance man will some time fail to comply with his promises but Jesus will never fail nor leave us. Jesus will take care of us. Oh dear Christian friends, let us be true to our words and our obligations. Oh let us serve God with honest hearts if we will be saved at the end of our Christian race. The Rev. Watson was very plain in preaching the Temperance sermon which was short but very rich, and was very much enjoyed by all. Rev. H. B. Joyner sang a hymn. Deacons E. E. Croom and Matthew Fields lifted a collection which amounted to $6.05

Rev. E. T. Jones came before the audience and asked for a collection for Mount Sinai Church he was trying to build. Amount collected for the cause $10.00.

Rev. C. C. Crawford spoke in short of the condition of people and that they only needed information. He referred to the paper he represents and asked for patronage.

The Trustee Board made their report which was received and adopted. Done by a motion. See report.

The hour having arrived we adjourned. Benediction by Rev. J. W. Watson.

FRIDAY EVENING SESSION.

October, 1923.

At 2:10 p. m. the Association re-assembled.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. J. W. Watson and Rev. A. R. Bryant. Rev. Watson sang as opening hymn No. 410. Rev. Bryant read

Scripture lesson from the 2nd Kings 2nd chapter 12th verse. Rev. T. T. Williams invoked God's blessings on the meeting in prayer. Second hymn No. 543. The Moderator addressed the body in a few well chosen words and announced the house ready for business.

First business was the reading of the minutes of the forenoon session which were read, received and adopted.

Rev. A. A. Smith arose and stated his agreement with the Board and that he was to continue the school under the last plan which is after all expenses of the Association are paid he will run the school with the balance of the money left in the Treasury. The Rev. R. C. Carroll at this point arose and also sustained what Rev. Smith said concerning the agreement between Rev. Smith and the Board concerning the running of the present term of the school at Kinston in 1923.

The Committees were called to make their reports.

The Temperance Committee reported. Same was received and adopted. See report.

Committee on Obituaries reported which were received and adopted. See report.

Rev. H. B. Joyner made a short talk in regards to the Western Union. Several of the brethren spoke many interesting words in regards to future progress. Among those who spoke Rev. J. E. C. Cox favored us with some strong facts. At this hour the business of the Association was suspended for the devotions of the Eulogy of the deceased members to be conducted by Rev. R. H. Harper, Rev. G. W. Buckerham, Rev. R. C. Carroll, Rev. J. H. Britt, and others. Rev. Buckerham lined hymn No. 492. Rev. Carroll then read from Job 7th chapter 1st verse; Ecc. 12th chapter 4th verse. Prayer was offered by Rev. J. W. Watson. Rev. R. C. Carroll led a song and then read the names of the departed brethren, viz: Rev. W. B. Sasser 1922, Rev. James Wellons 1923, Rev. J. D. Hood 1923, Deacon Jack Wooten 1922, Bro. Jerry Blackman 1922, Deacon Lamb Bryant 1922, Deacon Jim Winn 1922, Bro. Robert Winn 1922, Deacon L. C. Cox 1923, Deacon Monroe Whitley 1923, Deacon Julius World 1922. Rev. R. H. Harper in a few brief remarks paid his respects to the honor of the departed workers. Rev. Carroll rose and sang "Eve anchored my soul," and from the 4th chapter of 2nd Timothy and 7th verse he spoke many leading facts concerning the past life of the brethren. Words used: I have kept the faith. Rev. J. H. Britt came forward with some brief thoughts. Rev. Buckerham then sang a hymn.

The house was then called to business.

First business was the report of the Committee on Disbursements which was received and adopted. See report.

The Finance Committee reported which was received and adopted. See report.

Business being finished we adjourned to meet in the next setting of the Association Wednesday before the second Sunday in October, 1924, at Tabernacle Baptist Church, Wilson, N. C.

Benediction by Rev. R. H. Harper.

FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION.

Friday night, October, 1923, 7:30 p. m.

The audience re-assembled and praise service conducted.

The Moderator introduced Rev. G. W. Buckerham who delivered a soul-stirring sermon.

Collection was lifted by Deacon B. W. Smith which amounted to $13.00.

We also lifted a collection of $4.00 for Rev. G. E. Oliver who lost his house by a storm.

We lifted a collection of $4.00 for Rev. L. P. Lawson whose house was destroyed by fire.

We adjourned by benediction.

ANNUAL SERMONS FOR 1924.

Introductory sermon—Rev. R. C. Carroll, assisted by Rev. W. S. Barnes.
Missionary sermon—Rev. A. A. Smith and Rev. Grant Moye.
Sunday School sermon—Rev. J. A. Artis and Rev. J. H. Britt.
Doctrinal sermon—Rev. T. T. Williams and Rev. A. R. Bryant.
Temperance sermon—Rev. H. B. Joyner and Rev. W. M. Martin.
Educational sermon—Rev. C. C. Crawford and Rev. P. B. Barnes.

REPORT OF MCDANIEL INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.

Kinston, N. C., May 10, 1923.

The session opened October 2, 1922 and closed May 10, 1923.

Enrollment of students	125
Teachers employed	4
Tuition collected	$150.00
Western Union paid over	48.15
A Northern gentleman	1.00
Augusta Chapel donated	5.00
Best Grove donated	2.25
Holly Green paid over the Union funds	2.00
A Northern lady donated	5.00
Mount Calvary donated	4.00
Mount Zion donated	10.00
Commencement funds	40.00
Mrs. Nelia Oliver donated	3.00
Lucama Baptist Church	5.00
Sunday School Convention	81.23
Bear Creek Association	934.07
Augusta Chapel Home Mission Society	2.00
Total money collected	$1292.70
Expenses for the session	$1300.80

A. A. SMITH, Principal.

ANNUAL MEMBERS WHO PAID 25 CENTS.

Bros. J. J. Jarman, E. K. Patterson, H. C. Sutton, C. C. Summerville, J. S. Barnes, Sister Henrietta Dupree, Sister Patsy Hooker, Bros. B. W. Britt, M. Britt, Nathaniel Britt, J. H. Jones, C. H. Lane.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NEW CHURCHES.

We, your Committee on New Churches, submit the following report. We find one new church coming up before us: Barnes Chapel, Wilson, N. C., with Rev. W. S. Barnes, pastor. No of members ....Clerk, of which we recommend its acceptance.

Humbly submitted,
ISAAC WOOTEN,
F. R. NUNN,
JAMES JONES, Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

We, your Committee on Temperance, report as follows: We recommend all Pastors and Preachers, Deacons and all Christians to be temperate.

Humbly submitted,
B. B. BEST,
JOHNNIE DAWSON,
F. B. BELL, Committee.

REPORT ON EASTERN UNION.

From October 28, 1922 to September 29, 1923.

Number of Churches enrolled Sept. 29th, 1923	12
Number of officers enrolled	7
Ordained Ministers enrolled	22
Members enrolled	42
Total amount collected	$89.40

Disbursements are as follows:

Paid to officers	32 60
Paid to Preachers	28.25
Paid for Programmes	4.25
Paid to Churches	16.55
Paid to delegates	2.75
Balance in Treasury	7.12

Rev. J. H. Britt, President; Deacon F. R. Nunn, Secretary; Deacon A. T. Kennedy, Delegate.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATION OF OFFICERS.

We, your Committee on Nomination of Officers report as follows:
Rev. A. A. Smith, Moderator, Kinston, N. C.
Rev. R. C. Carroll, Vice-Moderator, Goldsboro, N. C.
Deacon H. Draughon, Clerk, Goldsboro, N. C.
Deacon A. T. Kennedy, Corresponding Secretary, LaGrange, N. C.
Rev. A. R. Bryant, Treasurer, Goldsboro, N. C.

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Rev. R. C. Carroll, Chairman, Goldsboro, N. C.
Rev. C. Branch, Dover, N. C.
Rev. P. B. Barnes, Goldsboro, N. C.
Rev. T. T. Williams, Goldsboro, N. C.
Deacon H. C. Carroll, Goldsboro, N. C.
Deacon B. W. Smith, Saulston, N. C.
Rev. A. L. E. Weeks, Wilson, N. C.

TRUSTEE BOARD.

Deacon W. M. Pierce, Wilson, N. C.
Rev. R. H. Harper, LaGrange, N. C.
Deacon J. H. Coor, Saulston, N. C.
Deacon J. G. Grantham, Genoa, N. C.
Deacon Matthew Fields, Pikeville, N. C.
Deacon E. D. Kornegay, Goldsboro, N. C.
Deacon J. W. Gorham, Kinston, N. C.

REV. A. J. CARLTON,
J. G. GRANTHAM,
J. W. GORHAM,
E. C. FOYE,
C. L. BATTLE,
REV. E. H. ROOKER,
C. C. WILLIAMS,
W. J. ROGERS,
T. I. PATTERSON,
T. C. COLEY,
J. G. LOFTEN,
REV. A. L. E. WEEKS,
Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TIME AND PLACE.

We, your Committee on Time and Place, begs to report as follows: The following churches were recommended as places for the next session: St. Delights, Mount Calvary Goldsboro, Tabernacle Baptist Wilson, and Living Hope. We recommend Tabernacle Baptist, Wilson, as the place for the next Association. Humbly submitted,

C. C. WILLIAMS,
O. R. SHEPARD,
A. W. BIZZELL,
REDDICK THOMPSON,
J. F. BARNES,
MAJOR BIZZELL,
A. H. BATTLE,
Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OBITUARIES.

We your Committee on Obituaries submit the following report. Since the last session of the Association the following churches have been visited by death: Best Grove lost 4, Augusta Chapel lost 4, Ebenezer lost 5, Mount Sinai lost 1, Holly Hill lost 1, Hooks Grove lost 1, Johnson Chapel lost 1, 1st Baptist, Eureka, lost 1, Emmanuel Baptist, High Point, lost 1, Mount Pleasant lost 5, Winns Chapel lost 6, Rouse Chapel lost 3, Mays Grove lost 1, Patterson Chapel lost 1, Holly Green lost 2, Barnes Chapel lost 2, Saint Delight lost 2, St. Stephens lost 3. We bow in humble submission to Him who doeth all things well. Humbly submitted,

H. C. SUTTON,
THOMAS WOOTEN,
W. J. ROGERS,
A. B. JONES,
M. J. FORD,
B. B. BEST,
L. S. SWINSON,
Committee.

ANNUAL REPORT OF WESTERN UNION FOR YEAR 1922-1923.

Rev. H. B. Joyner, President.
Deacon Matthew Fields, Vice-President.
Bro. J. C. Barnes, Clerk.
Bro. W. J. Rogers, Assistant Clerk.
Deacon E. C. Foye, Treasurer.

EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE UNION.

Rev. R. C. Carroll, Deacon F. T. Truitt, Rev. P. B. Barnes, Deacon H. C. Carroll, Deacon B. B. Best

ROLL OF MEMBERS

Rev. E. T. Jones, Rev. A. R. Bryant, Rev. A. A. Smith, Rev. T. T. Williams, Rev. W. M. Martin, Rev. F. T. Wilson.

Licentiates: Bro. Willie Bryant, Bro. J. B. Brown, Bro. E. D. Armstrong, Bro. C. A. Whitley, Bro. R. W. Godwin, Rev. J. Barfield.

DEACONS' LIST.

H. D. Davis, S. M. Waters, B. W. Smith, E. E. Croom, A. B. Jones, L. S. Swinson, S. W. Williams, M. J. Fort, O. R. Shepard, J. S. Smith, Luphas Faison, L. V. Thompson, J. G. Grantham, Charley Rogers, C. C. Williams, Samuel Kirby, Henry Draughn, A. Howell, Morris Jones, J. B. Black, H. F. Fort, W. M. Jones, J. H. Coor, Wiley Paten, Reddick Thompson.

BROTHERS' LIST.

Frank Gardner, L. W. Sauls, S. D. Gardner, D. A. Williams.

SISTERS' LIST.

Emma Rogers, Patsey Hooker, Sophia Joyner, Mollie Jones, Nannie Best, Fannie Coor, Mary Thompson, Viola Jones, Cora Smith, Sula Jones.

Number of Churches enrolled	12
Number members enrolled	64
Brought over from last year	$ 2.05
Total amount raised this year	175.63

DISBURSEMENTS.

Union expenses	$49.85
Paid for Printing Programmes	10.00
Donations	13.05
To those who preached	39.52
To different churches	9.55
Paid for Educational purposes	42.15
Balance in the Treasury	8.76

Bro. W. J. Rogers, Delegate.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND RESOLUTIONS.

We, your Committee on Constitution and Resolution, beg to report as follows:

We recommend Article 1 to read thus: This body shall be known as the Bear Creek Baptist Association and shall meet Wednesday before the second Sunday in October of each year.

Article 3rd. Two fifths of said money to remain as superannuated funds from which disabled ministers and Deacons shall be paid.

Article 5. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk, Recording Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Executive Board of seven members, Special Auditing Commission and an Ordination Council and shall continue in office until their successors are elected.

Article 8. The Clerk, Recording Secretary, The Chairman of the Special Auditing Commission and the Moderator to compose a Printing Committee and superintend the printing, distribution and mailing of the Minutes within ninety days after the close of the Association.

SPECIAL COMMISSION.

Rev. A. L. E. Weeks, Rev. R. C. Carroll, Rev. J. H. Britt, Rev. A. A. Smith, Rev. R. H. Harper, Deacon Wm. Pierce, Deacon H. Draughon.

ORDINATION PRESBYTERY.

Rev. A. L. E. Weeks, Wilson, N. C.
Rev. R. H. Harper, LaGrange, N. C.
Rev. R. C. Carroll, Goldsboro, N. C.
Rev. J. H. Britt, LaGrange, N. C.
Rev. A. R. Bryant, Goldsboro, N. C.
Rev. H. B. Joyner, Goldsboro, N. C.
Rev. E. H. Hooker, Lucama, N. C.

REV. A. L. E. WEEKS,
REV. P. B. BARNES,
B. B. BEST,
REV. R. P. LAWSON,
REV. R. C. CARROLL,
REV. G. W. BUCKERHAM,
REV. C. BRANCH,
J. H. SUTTON,
REV. W. S. BARNES,
L. S. SWINSON,
Committee.

REPORT OF THE JOINT SESSION OF THE DIFFERENT BOARDS.

The different boards met at St. Stephen's Baptist Church, Goldsboro, Feb. 9, 1923, at 11:10 a . m. Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. R. C. Carroll and Rev. A. L. E. Weeks. Rev. Carroll lined as opening hymn No. 196. Rev. Weeks then read a part of the 2nd chapter of Corinthians. Rev. Weeks also led in prayer. Second hymn No. 631.

At this point Rev. Carroll arose and stated some of the reasons and the object of the Joint Boards meeting.

A motion prevailed that the different Boards get together and organize.

A motion prevailed that Rev. Carroll be Chairman of the meeting and Rev. H. B. Joyner be Secretary.

Next business was the report of the last Board meeting be read. After hearing the report read by Bro. H. Draughn it was received and adopted.

Next the Rev. A. A. Smith came before the Boards and strengthened the report formerly read in regards to further running the McDaniel School at Kinston. An offer was made by Rev. Smith as follows: I'll take the school this ensuing year as follows: After the current expenses of the Association and the other Connections of the Bear Creek Bounds are paid I'll take the remainder as the salary with no other indebtedness whatever. Rev. Weeks then spoke some very interesting words along the lines.

A motion then prevailed that the Boards accept the offer made by Rev. Smith on November 9th, 1922. Rev. Harper at this point made some brief statements.

A motion now prevailed that a committee of three be appointed who would nominate a special committee. First committee of three Deacon J. E. Edmondson, Deacon Matthew Fields, Deacon E. C. Foye; while the Committee was at work various thoughts were brought to our minds by the different brethren. The Chairman now called for the committee's report, which was as follows:

Special Commission: Rev. A. L. E. Weeks, Rev. R. C. Carroll, Rev. J. A. Britt, Rev. A. A. Smith, Rev. R. H. Harper, Deacons Wm. Pierce, H. Draughn.

A motion now prevailed that the report be received and adopted.

After some discusson by the different brethren business having been finished we adjourned. REV. R. C. CARROLL, President.

REV. H. B. JOYNER, Secretary.

The members of the Different Boards who met in the joint session were not recorded in the report.

CONSTITUTION.

Article 1. This body shall be known as the Bear Creek Baptist Association and shall meet Wednesday before the second Sunday in October of each year.

Article 3rd. From annual fees of ministers and deacons fund two-fifths of said money is to maintain a superannuated fund from which disabled Ministers and Deacons shall be paid.

Art. 5th. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Executive Board of seven members, special Auditing Commission and an Ordination Council and shall continue in office until their successors are elected.

Article 8. The Clerk, the Recordigg Secretary, the Chairman of the Special Auditing Commission, the Moderator are to compose a Printing Committee and superintend the printing, distributing and mailing the minutes within ninety days after the close of the Association.

CHURCHES, PASTORS AND THE SECRETARIES.

Mount Sinai—Pastor E. T. Jones, Pikeville, N. C.; Clerk, Larrah Johnson, Pikeville, N. C.

Saint Delight—Pastor Rev. C. C. Crawford, Kinston, N. C.; M. C. Fields, Walstonburg, N. C.

St. Stephen's, Goldsboro—Pastor Rev. R. C. Carroll, Goldsboro, N. C.; Clerk W. H. B. Atkinson, Goldsboro, N. C.

Shady Grove—Pastor Rev. Grant Moye, Merritt, N. C.; Clerk Annie B. Coor, LaGrange, N. C.

Augusta Chapel—Pastor Rev. A. A. Smith, Kinston, N. C.; Clerk C. H. Lane, Goldsboro, N. C., R. 4, B. 107.

Best Grove—Pastor Rev. A. A. Smith, Kinston, N. C.; Clerk J. S. Barnes, Goldsboro, N. C.

Emmanuel Baptist—Pastor Rev. G. W. Buckerham, High Ponnt, N. C.; Clerk Mrs. G. W. Buckerham, High Point, N. C.

Johnson Chapel—Pastor Rev. J. W. Watson, Clerk LeRoy Winstead, Elm City, R.F.D. 2, Box 28.

First Baptist, Eureka—Pastor Rev. G. H. Bryant; Clerk Caesar Fort, Eureka, N. C.

Marys Grove—Pastor Rev. R. Crockett, Clayton, N. C.; Clerk T. C. Coley, Lucama, N. C.

Hooks Grove—Pastor Rev. T. T. Williams, Goldsboro, N. C.; Clerk Miss Priscilla Aycock, Pikeville, N. C.

Speights Chapel—Pastor Rev. E. H. Hooker, Lucama, N. C.; Clerk N. J. Speight, Lucama, N. C.

Banks Chapel—Pastor Rev. Grant Moye, Merritt, N. C.; Clerk Charlie Jones, Kinston, R.F.D. 3.

Living Hope—Pastor Rev. J. H. Artis, Pikeville, N. C.; Clerk, Narcissa Sanders, Wilson, N. C.

Patterson Chapel—Pastor Rev. R. C. Carroll Goldsboro, N. C.; Clerk J. E. Baker, Kinston, N. C.

Liberty Grove—Pastor .....; Clerk A. W. Bizzell, LaGrange, N. C.

Holly Green—Pastor Rev. A. A. Smith, Kinston, N. C.; Clerk J. C. Cobb, Dudley, N. C.

Davis Chapel—Pastor Rev. J. H. Britt, LaGrange, N. C.; Clerk Margarett Parks, LaGrange, N. C.

Second Baptist, Dover—Pastor Rev. S. L. Stanford; Clerk J. W. Waters, Dover, N. C.

First Baptist, Lucama—Pastor Rev. J. W. Davis, Selma, N. C.; Clerk W. K. Knight, Black Creek, N. C.

Barnes Chapel—Rev. W. S. Barnes, Wilson, N. C.; Clerk Matt. Turner, Wilson, N. C.

Round Tree Chapel—Pastor Rev. N. H. Arrington; Clerk J. C. Lassiter, Wilson, N. C.

Barnes Chapel, Wayne County—Pastor Rev. T. T. Williams, Goldsboro, N. C.; Clerk .....

Mount Calvary, Goldsboro—Pastor Rev. I. S. Reddick, Parmele, N. C.; Clerk Wiley Thompson, James City, Goldsboro, N. C.

Mount Pleasant—Pastor Rev. T. T. Williams, Goldsboro, N. C.; Clerk L. B. Smith, Saulston, N. C., R. 1, B. 22.

Atkinson Chapel—Pastor .....; Clerk W. J. Rogers, Goldsboro, N. C., Route 3, Box 38.

Ebenezer—Pastor Rev. W. H. Bryant, Kinston, N. C.; Clerk A. L. Joyner, LaGrange, N. C.

Holly Hill—Pastor Rev. R. P. Lawson; Snow Hill N. C.; Clerk Johnny Dawson, Kinston, N. C.

Dixon Chapel—Pastor Rev. R. C. Carroll, Goldsboro, N. C.; Clerk, N. A. Suggs, LaGrange, N. C.

Wilson Chapel—Pastor Rev. L. H. Powell; Clerk Solomon Elliott, Mount Olive, N. C.

Tabernacle Baptist ,Wilson—Pastor Rev. A. L. E. Weeks, Wilson, N. C.

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid the Moderator Rev. A. A. Smith	$ 8.00
Paid the Vice-Moderator Rev. R. C. Carroll	3.00
Paid Clerk H. Draughn	15.00
Paid for compiling the minutes	40.00
Paid Deacon A. T. Kennedy, Corresponding Secretary, for services	6.00
Paid the Clerk for stationery and mailing of minutes	4.18
Donated Rev. L. P. Lawson	4.00
Donated Rev. G. E. Oliver	4.00
Donated Rev. N. F. Roberts for Shaw University	25.00
Donated to Deacon J. E. Edmondson for Public Collection	7.65
Donated to Rev. J. D. MacRae for Missions	4.00
Donated to Rev. C. C. Summerville	8.00
Donated to Rev. G. W. Buckerham	5.10
Donated to Rev. E. T. Jones for Mount Sinai Church, Pikeville	10.00
Paid to Rev. A. L. E. Weeks for service and Board expenses	26.90
Poid to Rev. H. B. Joyner for service and Board expenses	1.50
Paid to J. H. Jones for insurance on the school building at Kinston	20.20
Paid Deacon Matthew Fields	3.00
Paid Deacon Wm. Pierce	4.00
Paid Rev. R. H. Harper	5.16
Paid Deacon J. H. Coor	1.50
Paid Deacon E. D. Kornegay	3.00
Paid Rev. J. H. Britt	6.50
Paid Rev. P. B. Barnes	4.04
Paid Deacon B. W. Smith	6.00
Paid Deacon H. C. Carroll	5.59
Paid to Bro. J. H. Jones	1.50
Paid to Rev. R. C. Carroll, Board meeting	7.50
Paid Rev. H. B. Joyner, Board meeting	1.50
Paid to Rev. T. T. Williams	3.75
Donated to Rouse Chapel Church	10.00
Paid to G. W. Gorham	4.00
Paid to Rev. C. B. Waters	4.00
Paid to Rev. E. M. Croom	4.00
Paid Deacon C. Gills	2.50
Paid Deacon J. E. Edmondson	2.50

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

We your Finance Committee report as follows:

Total amount collected from Annual Fees and Public collections	$1135.10
Paid out	200.03
Donations	52.10
Net balance	$ 934.03

Humbly submitted,

J. H. COOR,
H. C. CARROLL,
J. F. BARNES,
B. W. SMITH,
C. H. LANE, Committee.

MONEY COLLECTED SINCE THE CLOSE OF THE ASSOCIATION.

Received January 28, 1924, from Bro. LeRoy Winstead, balance due from Johnson Chapel	$ 5.25
Received from the Atkinson Chapel Church Feb. 10th, 1924, on acct.	7.50

CONSTITUTION OF THE BEAR CREEK ASSOCIATION.

Article 1. This body shall be known as the Bear Creek Baptist Association.

Art. 2. The object of this Association shall be to promote Christ's Kingdom among men, and the means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity to the New Testament. Pastors to encourage Christian Education in general to assist in the Home and Foreign Missions and to do all in their power for the support of an active prayer meeting and Sabbath school in all churches and in every way possible strive to conform to the teaching of the word of God.

Art. 3. This Association shall be composed of Messengers, Pastors and Deacons chosen by the churches they represent. Each church is entitled to three delegates who shall be in good standing in the churches they represent. All ordained ministers belonging to this Association shall pay $5.00 annually; Licentiate Ministers $2.50 annually; Deacons $1.00 annually, to maintain their membership. Ministers who are not members of this Association may become members by bringing a letter of recommendation from the Association from whence they came and the payment of $5.00 down and $5.00 annually thereafter; said monies to maintain a superannuated fund. All disabled ministers and deacons shall be paid annually.

Art. 4. The delegates from each church shall present a letter certifying their appointments, and also stating the condition of their church.

Art. 5. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, a Clerk, a Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer, and an Executive Board of seven members, and shall continue in office until their successors are elected.

Art. 6. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside during the deliberations of this body; in observance of the Constitution, preserve order, decide all questions, give his opinion concerning any subject under discussion, after those wishing to speak shall have spoken, or when called upon to give the casting vote in case of tie.

Art. 7. It shall be the duty of the Assistant Moderator to assume the duties of the Moderator in his absence.

Art. 8. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session. The Clerk, Corresponding Secretary and Moderator to compose the printing committee and to superintend the printing of the Minutes and distribute them among the churches in ninety days.

Art. 9. It shall be the duty of the Correspoding Secretary to keep correspondence with the various bodies representing the object of the Association, and shall keep a faithful register of all ordained ministers and distorical events of the Association, and make report to each annual session, and assist the Clerk.

Art. 10. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up from the churches or collected during the session of this body, and disburse the same as ordered by the Association, when drawn by the Clerk and signed by the Moderator. He shall also make to the Association an annual report of the condition of the treasury. He shall give good security.

Art. 11. The Executive Board may meet when it is necessary and do business for the Association or any of its churches, and the church or Association calling for the Board shall defray the expenses of the Board and in no wise attempt to interfere with the business of no church unless called for by the church.

Art. 12. Any church desiring to connect herself with this body shall present a petition at an annual session, through a delegate appointed for that purpose, and if received, the presiding officer shall extend the right hand of fellowship.

Art. 13. This Association shall not maintain fellowship with any of the churches, that neglect to preserve Gospel order. Churches may continue

their fellowship by contributing forty (40cts.) cents to the member as representative fee in the Association.

Art. 14. The Association may invite brethren to seats, and extend to them all the privileges of this body, save that of voting.

Art. 15. This body shall hold its session annually and at such time and place as it may select.

Art. 16. By appointment of the Association there shall be preached at each annual session an Introductory, Missionary, Temperance, Doctrinal, Educational and Sunday School sermon during the session, directed by the Chair.

Art. 17. Messengers to the Association shall bring 25 cents for Educational purposes.

Art. 18. The Association will not recognize the ordination of any minister in it sbounds unless done by the Association while in session or the Executive Board.

Art. 19. This Constitution may be amended at any annual session by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

Art. 20. It shall be the duty of the Trustees of the Association and Directory Board of the Sunday School Convention to have full control of running the school and all other financial business of the Association coming under their supervision.

Section 2. The Board of Trustees shall consist of seven members whose term of office shall be fixed by the Association and they shall meet as often as they find it necessary.

Sec. 3. Any church or member of church connected with this Association may take shares in the school property from $5.00 to $100.00. Shares can only be sold to members connected with the Association.

AMENDMENT.

All moneys raised during the year between the sittings of the Association by the Sunday School Convention, Home Mission Convention, Eastern and Western Unions, and from various sources, be represented at the Association and turned in to Associational Treasurer.

2. And all educational moneys in these different treasuries be paid into the Associational Treasury.

3. And all educational money in these different treasuries be accessible to the Trustee Board at all times.

Art. 21. That there be an amendment to the effect that all churches be urged to give each Fifth Sunday in the interest of the Unions.

Annual fee of Deacons shall be $1.00.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. Each session of this Association shall be opened with religious exercises to be conducted by the Moderator, or such other person as he may designate.

2. At each daily session the names of delegates, shall be called and the proceedings of the previous session read before entering upon the business of the day.

3. The members shall exhibit towards the officers and each other that courtesy which belongs to Christians.

4. No member shall speak more than twice on the same subject, nor longer than five minutes at a time, without permission from the body.

5. Any member desiring to speak shall rise and address the Moderator.

6. All motions which meet a second shall be definitely stated by the Moderator before being discussed.

7. When a subject is under discussion no motion or proposition shall be in order except to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend or postpone indefinitely.

8. After a vote is decided, any member having voted in the majority may move to reconsider.

9. The Association shall reserve the right to determine what questions shall be admitted to its consideration.

10. No member shall absent himself during the session without permission from the Moderator.

11. These rules may be amended at any regular session by a majority of the members present.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS TO BE ASKED APPLICANTS WHEN APPLYING FOR LICENSE TO PREACH.

1. What is grace?
2. How do you know that you are called to preach the gospel?
3. What is the gospel?
4. What is repentance?
5. What is religion?
6. What is faith in the Lord?
7. What is the law of God?
8. How do the Scriptures describe God?
9. Who is God?
10. What is a Gospel Church?
11. What is a Church?
12. How is a Baptist Church governed?
13. Who are Scriptural Officers of a Baptist Church?
14. What is necessary to do to be saved?

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Enrollment of members.
2. Declaration of business.
3. Inviting to seats corresponding delegates and visitors.
4. Appoint committees.
5. Read Church Letters.
6. Petitionery Letters of new churches.
7. Appoint corresponding delegates.
8. Reports of standing committees.
9. Reports of special committees.
10. Report of Treasurer.
11. Miscellaneous.
12. Adjournment.

For Applicants who apply for Ordination:

Applicants for ordination must be proficient in spelling, reading, writing, historic work of the Bible and Theology.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Churches.	Number of Members.	No. received by baptism.	Received by Letter.	Received by Experience.	Excommunicated.	Dismissed by Letter.	Deceased.	Days of Meeting.	Funds sent up.	Value of Church Property.	Pastor's Salary.	Donated to McDaniel School.	Donated to Foreign Missions.	Donated to Home Missions.	No. Sunday School Scholars baptized.	Balance due for 1923.
Mount Sinai	7	....	....	....	....	....	1	3	$ 2.80	$.....	$.....	$.....	$.....	$.....	$.....	$.....
Saint Delight	86	7	....	....	2	....	2	1—3	39.40	1500	350.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Saint Stephens	134	1	....	3	10	....	3	2—4	36.40	2000	180.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	17.20
Shady Grove	50	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	20.00	1500	150.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Augusta Chapel	145	20	....	....	4	....	4	2	45.00	1500	150.00	5.00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Best Grove	132	....	....	....	....	1	4	4	48.30	2500	175.00	.....	6.00	17.80	.....	5.10
Emmanuel Baptist	46	18	1	....	1	....	1	1-2-3-4	16.00	1500	1200.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Johnson Chapel	28	....	....	....	....	....	1	1	.....	1200	120.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
First Baptist, Eureka	45	3	....	....	2	....	1	3	12.80	1000	180.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	5.20
Marys Grove	67	5	....	2	5	....	1	2	26.80	1300	180.00	.....	.....	.....	2	.....
Hooks Grove	100	8	....	....	2	....	2	1	40.00	1000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Speights Chapel	20	2	....	1	3	....	....	2	8.00	2500	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Banks Chapel	42	....	....	....	3	....	....	3	16.80	1500	.....	.....	.....	12.00	.....	.....
First Baptist, Dover	20	5	....	....	....	3	....	4	8.00	800	150.00	.....	.....	10.00	.....	.....
Living Hope	43	18	....	2	1	....	....	1	17.20	1400	120.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Patterson Chapel	50	....	....	....	4	1	1	2	20.00	600	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Liberty Grove	25	1	....	....	....	....	....	4	10.00	1000	125.00	.....	.....	.....	1	.....
Holly Green	61	2	....	....	....	....	2	1	20.00	1500	100.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	4.40
Davis Chapel	15	....	....	....	11	....	....	3	16.00	500	75.00	.....	.75	.....	.....	.....
First Baptist, Lucama	44	14	....	9	....	....	....	4	17.60	.....	135.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Barnes Chapel, Wilson	14	4	....	10	3	....	....	2—4	5.60	7500	60.00	.....	.....	8.00	.....	.....
Barnes Chapel, Goldsboro	101	25	8	....	14	1	2	3	40.40	4000	240.00	10.00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Round Tree Chapel	106	4	....	....	3	....	1	1—4	42.40	1500	18.00	.....	.....	54.40	.....	.....
Mount Calvary	100	....	4	....	....	....	1	2—3	40.00	2000	6.40	.....	40.00	10.00	10.00	.....
Mount Pleasant	200	15	....	....	14	....	5	2	80.00	3500	300.00	.....	3.50	6.00	.....	.....
Atkinson Chapel	96	2	....	....	3	....	....	4	23.40	1500	120.00	5.00	6.58	3.00	2	15.00
Ebenezer	85	6	....	....	....	....	....	1	34.00	2000	2.60	.....	5.00	.....	6	.....
Holly Hill	32	....	....	....	....	....	1	2	8.00	1000	100.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	4.80
Rouse Chapel	108	....	....	....	5	....	3	3	43.20	1000	180.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Winns Chapel	90	4	2	....	....	....	6	4	21.00	3500	300.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	15.00
Tabernacle Baptist	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Johnson Chapel	42	13	....	8	....	....	....	1	11.20	1200	120.00	.....	.....	.....	2	5.80